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DEPARTMENT PASS COMMERCE FOR BRUCE MILLER

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SUBJECT: COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN GSP SEMINAR

REF: STATE 204051

1. COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT HAS PROVIDED FURTHER DETAILS OF GSP SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA, NOVEMBER 3-11, 1976.

2. MILLER SCHEDULED TO SPEAK ON NOVEMBER 5TH. FORMAT ENVISIONED IS 30-MINUTE PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION. ADDITIONAL SOCIAL EVENTS BEING PLANNED BUT NOT YET SCHEDULED.

3. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS BEING ARRANGED AT TOWER HOTEL (OPPOSITE SEMINAR BUILDING). DOES MILLER WISH COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT TO MAKE RESERVATION FOR HIM? ALSO REQUEST DETAILS OF MILLER'S TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.

4. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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NOVEMBER 3: INCLUDES REGISTRATION AND OPENING

CEREMONY; TALK BY MR. A.G. TASKER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT, ON ASSISTANCE IN EXPORT PROMOTION; TALK BY MR. RAMPERSAD, DIRECTOR, TRADE AND FINANCE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT, ON THE RELEVANCE OF GSP TO ECONOMIES OF PARTICIPATING COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES OF THE CARIBBEAN REGION; AND A GENERAL PRESENTATION OF GSP SCHEMES AND UNCTAD'S ROLE IN THE OPERATION AND THE EVOLUTION OF THE GSP.

NOVEMBER 4: AN EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE ON THE OPERATION OF THE GSP AND A GENERAL PRESENTATION OF RULES OF ORIGIN UNDER THE GSP AND LOME CONVENTION.

NOVEMBER 5: TRADE PREFERENCES UNDER THE LOME CONVENTION BY MR. P.P. KANTHAN, CHIEF PROJECT OFFICER, CFTC; U.S. SCHEME PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION BY UNCTAD GSP PROJECT OFFICER; AND A SHORT PRESENTATION OF CANADIAN SCHEME.

NOVEMBER 8: PROCESSED AND OTHER TROPICAL PRODUCTS IN RELATION TO GSP, BY DR. PERSAUD OR DR. SARKAR OF COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT; AND A WORKSHOP ON THE RULES OF ORIGIN OF U.S. AND CANADA.

NOVEMBER 9: CUMULATIVE RULES OF ORIGIN UNDER GSP AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE FOR CARICOM COUNTRIES BY THE CARICOM SECRETARIAT, AND A PRODUCT DISCUSSION.

NOVEMBER 10: WORK GROUP MEETINGS.

NOVEMBER 11: CONSIDERATION BY PLENARY OF WORKING GROUP DOCUMENTS.

5. SHOULD MILLER WISH TO STAY FOR ENTIRE WEEK, COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT INFORMS US HE WOULD BE MOST WELCOME AND HELPFUL.

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